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TO: LME Directors

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RE: Report on MH/DD/SA Admissions to Hospital Emergency Departments

State law requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide information to Local Managing Entities (LMEs) on individuals with a diagnosis of a mental health, developmental disabilities, or substance abuse disorder who were admitted to community hospital emergency departments. The attached report provides the most current information available on those admissions.

This report provides summary data on admissions to community hospital emergency departments that took place during the first quarter of State Fiscal Year 2011-2012. During this quarter, 14 percent of emergency department admissions statewide involved individuals with a primary or co-occurring diagnosis of mental health, developmental disabilities, or substance abuse disorder, while 4 percent involved individuals with a primary diagnosis of a mental health, developmental disabilities, or substance abuse disorder.

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